

## **American Red Cross Tacoma-Pierce County Chapter**

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### **History:**

Spanish-American War soldiers quartered in the old Exposition building in Tacoma, Washington gave impetus to the formation of the Pierce County Society one of two Red Cross chapters in Washington formed in 1898. More than 100 men and women joined at a meeting in Chickering Hall. Louis D. Campbell was elected president. The headquarters was set in the Tacoma City Hall. The young chapter fed soldiers and rolled bandages.

In 1916, the chapter reformed shortly before World War I. During the war, members assisted the war movement by aiding civilians with relatives in the war, rolling bandages, having blood and clothing drives, and raising money. Even though the war remained central to their actions, the chapter also provided relief in local emergencies and to local needy people.

When World War II occurred, the chapter focused on helping the war movement but they also remained committed to their local activities. During this period the chapter sponsored first aid training, home nursing classes, swimming lessons, and civilian relief in the local area. For the war movement, members volunteered in the Red Cross Motor Corps, who drove civilians to doctor appointments or recovering soldiers on trips and the Gray Ladies, who provided comfort to soldiers in the hospital.

The Tacoma-Pierce County American Red Cross chapter remains active in the local area. Over the years, their attention has shifted from war relief to aiding their local community. The chapter continues to sponsor swimming lessons, first aid training, and providing relief to those in emergencies.

### **Scope and Content:**

The American Red Cross, Tacoma-Pierce County chapter papers cover the years from 1898-1994. The collection is divided into twelve record series: Minutes, Financial Statements, Community Chest, Civilian Relief Committee, Home Service Section, Junior Red Cross, Red Cross Motor Corps, Publications, Publicity, Scrapbooks, Photographs, and Miscellaneous Items.

Minutes are arranged by date, 1898-1959. The minutes pertain to the decision-making process of the chapter, activities, duties, financial responsibilities, and resignations. Some records include financial statements.

Financial Statement are monthly statements from 1898-1941 with receipts intermixed.

Community Chest records cover the years 1925-1940. The local chapter received their budget each year from the Community Chest, which funded various local organizations. The records include correspondence about budget requests, the approved budget, and withdrawing from the chest.

Civilian Relief Committee records, 1917-1918, are records describing the assistance given to the local community by the chapter in the form of loans, allowances, and shelter.

Home Service Section, 1918-1938, are the records of the Civilian Relief Committee successor. The records describe the section's efforts in assisting veterans receive their pensions, honorable discharges and civilians with their finances. Included in the records are minutes of the committee discussing the status of emergency loans, allowances, and carfare.

Junior Red Cross records are a cash record from 1933-1938 showing the financial status of the group in Tacoma.

Red Cross Motor Corps records, 1940-1948 include correspondence and news articles pertaining to the activities and duties of the Red Cross Motor Corps throughout the war.

Publications, 1916-1981, are arranged alphabetically. These records are local, national, and international publications from various Red Cross chapters and the national office.

Publicity, 1917-1994, records are news articles pertaining to the activities of the Tacoma-Pierce County region.

Scrapbooks, 1939-1945, are books kept by the local chapter documenting some of their activities, such as the Gray Ladies and their prisoner of war efforts.

Photographs, 1940s-1990s, focus on the activities of the Red Cross during World War II, convention booths, an auction. Some of the photographs and slides come from a notebook furnished by the national office. The majority of the photographs from World War II have captions.

Miscellaneous Items include a conference attendee folder, awards, event programs, and a Prisoner of War and Foreign Inquiry Service Notebook.

**Dates:** 1898-1994, (Bulk 1916-1950)

**Restrictions:** None.

**Volume:** 6.25 linear feet or 4.75 linear feet

**Accession number:** 1997.75.1

## **Record Series 1: Minutes**

**Box 1: Minutes 1898-1959.**

**Folder:**

**1 Chapter History, 20 October 1919.**

Note: This history begins in 1916 not 1898 when the chapter was formed.

**2 Articles of Incorporation, 28 June 1898.**

**3 Fiftieth Anniversary of the Red Cross, 21 May 1931.**

Special Item:

Program for the 'Golden Jubilee' local celebration.

**4 Minutes, 25 October 1898 - 7 November 1900.**

Note: First book kept by the Tacoma-Pierce County chapter. Bound volume.

**5 Minutes, 24 July 1916 - 20 July 1925.**

Special Items:

Reference to aiding hospitals during the influenza epidemic during 1919.

Note: This is a bound volume.

**6 Minutes, 20 July 1925 - 9 December 1929.**

**7 Minutes, 6 January 1930 - 8 December 1933.**

- 8      **Minutes, 5 January 1934 - 23 November 1937.**  
Special Items:  
6 March 1935, an office quarters report was submitted regarding the new location of the chapter.  
15 March 1935, the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the Puget Sound Bank Building was selected as the new office quarters.
- 9      **Minutes, 3 March 1938 - 25 November 1942.**  
Special Item:  
Two letters from the National Office encouraging the local chapter to sever financial relationship with the Community Chest. Motion was proposed and carried unanimously to sever their relationship.
- 10     **Minutes, 25 February 1943 - 13 April 1944.**
- 11     **Minutes, 1 April 1944 - 18 February 1946.**
- 12     **Minutes, 18 March 1946 - 1 September 1948.**
- 13     **Minutes, 8 September 1948 - November 1949.**
- 14     **Minutes, December 1949 - 15 March 1951.**
- 15     **Minutes, 30 April 1951 - 31 December 1951.**
- 16     **Minutes and Financial Statements, 1952**
- 17     **Minutes and Financial Statements, 1953**
- 18     **Minutes and Financial Statements, 1954.**
- 19     **Minutes and Financial Statements, 1955.**
- 20     **Minutes and Financial Statements, 1956.**
- 21     **Minutes and Financial Statements, 1957.**
- 22     **Minutes and Financial Statements, 1958.**
- 23     **Minutes and Financial Statements, 1959.**

## **Record Series 2: Financial Statements.**

**Box 1: Financial Statements, 1898-1941.**

**Folder:**

- 24      **Financial Statements, 1898-1900.**  
Note: Records include receipts, old check, and monthly statements.
- 25      **Financial Statements, 31 December 1919 - 31 December 1926.**
- 26      **Financial Statements, 31 January 1927 - 31 December 1930.**
- 27      **Financial Statements, 31 January 1931 - 31 December 1933.**

28 Financial Statements, 31 January 1934- 31 December 1937.

29 Financial Statements, 1 January 1938 - 1 June 1941.

### **Record Series 3: Community Chest.**

**Box 2: Community Chest, 1925-1940.**

**Folder:**

1 Community Chest, Budget 1928

2 Community Chest, Budget 1929

3 Community Chest, Budget 1930

4 Community Chest, Budget 1931

5 Community Chest, Budget 1932

6 Community Chest, Budget 1933

7 Community Chest, Budget 1934

8 Community Chest, Budget 1935

9 Community Chest, Budget 1936

10 Community Chest, Budget 1937

11 Community Chest, Budget 1938

12 Community Chest, Budget 1939

13 Community Chest, Budget 1940

14 Community Chest, Correspondence, 1925-1940.

Note: This correspondence details the chapter's ongoing discussion on whether to remain in the Community Chest or withdrawal.

### **Record Series 4: Civilian Relief Committee.**

**Box 2: Civilian Relief Committee, 1916-1918.**

**Folder:**

15 Civilian Relief Committee, Minutes Index 1917-1918.

16 Civilian Relief Committee, Minutes, 26 September 1917 - 10 January 1918.

17 Civilian Relief Committee, Minutes, 11 January 1918 - 19 March 1918.

18 Civilian Relief Committee, Minutes, 26 March 1918 - 28 May 1918.

Note: Becomes Homes Service Section on 9 April 1918.

19 Civilian Relief Committee, Correspondence, 8 December 1916 - 5 February 1918.

### **Record Series 5: Home Service Section.**

**Box 2: Home Service Section, 1918-1938.**

**Folder:**

- 20      Home Service Section, Minutes, 3 June 1918 - 20 July 1918.
- 21      Home Service Section, Minutes, 23 July 1918 - 22 October 1918 (Plus index 23 July 1918 - 23 August 1919).
- 22      Home Service Section, Minutes, 29 October 1918 - 18 February 1919.
- 23      Home Service Section, Minutes, 18 February 1919 - 3 June 1919.
- 24      Home Service Section, Minutes, 7 June 1919 - 23 August 1919.
- 25      Home Service Section, Minutes, 26 August 1919 - 11 November 1919 (Plus index 26 August 1919 - 8 March 1921).
- 26      Home Service Section, Minutes, 18 November 1919 - 10 February 1920.
- 27      Home Service Section, Minutes, 17 February 1920 - 8 June 1920.
- 28      Home Service Section, Minutes, 6 July 1920 - 8 March 1921.
- 29      Home Service Section, Minutes, 16 March 1921 - 3 January 1923.
- 30      Home Service Section, Minutes, 7 March 1922 - 4 December 1923.
- 31      Home Service Section, Correspondence, 19 April 1918 - 14 November 1938.

### **Record Series 6: Junior Red Cross.**

**Box 2: Junior Red Cross, 1933-1938.**

**Folder:**

- 32      Junior Red Cross, Cash Record, 1 April 1933 - 1 June 1938.

### **Record Series 7: Red Cross Motor Corps.**

**Box 2: Red Cross Motor Corps, 1940-1948.**

**Folder:**

- 34      Red Cross Motor Corps, 1940-1948.

### **Records Series 8: Publications.**

**Box 2: Publications, 1916-1981.**

**Folder:**

- 35      Publications, '50 Years Young !', San Francisco Chapter, 1948.
- 36      Publications, 1946 Annual Report, Portland-Multnomah County Chapter.

- 37      Publications, 1946 Annual Report, Long Beach Chapter.
- 38      Publications, Activities of Other Agencies Similar to the Non-War Activities of the American Red Cross.
- 39      Publications, 'Activities, Reports, Comment,' Oakland Chapter, December      1946.
- 40      Publications, American Fund for French Wounded, Vol. 1 No. 9-11, (September 1916 - November 1916).
- 41      Publications, American Junior Red Cross News, December 1948.
- 42      Publications, American Junior Red Cross Newsletter Vol. 4 No. 4, (March 1947) Los Angeles.
- 43      Publications, The American Red Cross – A Brief Story.
- 44      Publications, 'An American Red Cross Study of the Needs of Disabled World War Veterans in Tacoma, Washington with particular reference to Tacoma      chapter's contribution in this field,' 1945.

**Box 3: Publications, 1916-1981.**

**Folder:**

- 1      Publications, Annual Report American Red Cross, 1943-1944, 1947.
- 2      Publications, Annual Report Seattle King-County and Renton Beach Fiscal      Year 1945-1946.
- 3      Publications, ARC News, Vol. 1 No. 1 (July 1947).
- 4      Publications, 'A responsibility...an opportunity...a privilege: Red Cross Service in a Veteran's Administration Hospital.'
- 5      Publications, Arsenal, May 1948 and January 1949.
- 6      Publications, Arts and Skills Corps Newsletter, No. 4 May 1946.
- 7      Publications, A Wartime Report on Your Red Cross, San Francisco Chapter 1946.
- 8      Publications, Biographies of the Board of Governors, 1947.
- 9      Publications, Bulletin Northwestern Division, Vol. 2 No. 27-52, (24 May 1919 - 29 November 1919).
- 10      Publications, Bulletin Northwestern Division, Vol. 3 No. 1 - Vol. 4 No. 1, (6 December 1919 - 5 January 1921).
- 11      Publications, Campaign Plan Book: Red Cross War Fund 1944.
- 12      Publications, Cross Ways, October 1946 and October 1947.
- 13      Publications, The Councilor, Christmas 1944 - Vol. 4 No. 2 (August 1945).

- 14      **Publications, Dedication Address, 12 January 1948.**
- 15      **Publications, Dedicated to the Red Cross.**
- 16      **Publications, The Desert Tatler Tucson Chapter, Vol. 1 No. 7, (January 1944).**
- 17      **Publications, Disaster, Vol. 2 No. 4 (May 1948).**
- 18      **Publications, Disaster Action Chapter Preparedness Manuals A and B.**
- 19      **Publications, *Encounter with Henry Durant*.**  
Note: Gagnebin, Bernard, literary editor. *Encounter with Henry Durant*. Libraririe de 'Universite GEORG & Cie, S.A., Geneva, 1963.
- 20      **Publications, Five Years of Civilian War Relief by and through the American Red Cross, 1 September 1939- 1 January 1945.**
- 21      **Publications, Foreign War Relief Operations Report, (1 July 1940 - 30 June 1946), (1 July 1940 - 30 April 1943).**
- 22      **Publications, G.I. Complaints.**  
Note: This publication described how Red Cross members should handle the complaints of soldiers.
- 23      **Publications, How the Red Cross Story was told, 1945 War Fund.**
- 24      **Publications, In Peace and in War, Dade County Chapter, 1946.**
- 25      **Publications, Lane County Chapter Cooperative Disaster Preparedness Handbook.**
- 26      **Publications, League of Red Cross Societies Bulletin, Vol. XXVII No 10/12 - 7/9, October/December 1945 - July/September 1945).**
- 27      **Publications, Los Angeles Chapter Brochure and Flyer.**
- 28      **Publications, Marching Orders 1944.**
- 29      **Publications, Minneapolis Newswriters Report on Your Red Cross, Hennepin County      Chapter 1947.**
- 30      **Publications, Narrative Report Insular and Foreign Operations, 31 March 1945 and 30 September 1945.**
- 31      **Publications, Overseas Emergency Relief, 1 September 1939 - 1 June 1940.**
- 32      **Publications, Pacific Area Chapter Accomplishments, Group I, II, III Chapters Fiscal Year ending 30 June 1945.**
- 33      **Publications, Pierce County Red Cross, Vol. 1 NO. 3 July 1948.**
- 34      **Publications, Ramblings with the American Red Cross, July 1947 and September 1947.**

- 35 Publications, Red Cross Bulletin Issued by the American Red Cross corner of the Rue Des Pyramides and the Rue de Rivoli, No. 48, 1 March 1919.
- 36 Publications, Red Cross Fund Campaign Guide 1947.
- 37 Publications, Red Cross Gray Lady Service, September 1948.
- 38 Publications, Red Cross in Tacoma-Pierce County, 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Report, 1981.
- 39 Publications, Red Cross Organization and Services.
- 40 Publications, Red Cross Publicity Channels, 1944.
- 41 Publications, Red Cross Under the Southern Cross.
- 42 Publications, Red Cross Worldwide: a Reeves of American Red Cross International Activities Insular and Foreign Operations, Vol. 1 No. 1-8, March - October 1947.
- 43 Publications, The Red Cross Bulletin, Vol. 1 No. 3-26, 31 May 1917 - 29 October 1917.
- 44 Publications, The Red Cross Bulletin, Vol. 1 No. 28 - Vol. 2 No. 13, 13 November 1917 - 18 March 1918.
- 45 Publications, The Red Cross Bulletin, Vol. 2 No. 15-26, 8 April 1918 - 24 June 1918.
- 46 Publications, The Red Cross Bulletin, Vol. 2 No. 27-38, 1 July 1918 - 16 September 1918.
- 47 Publications, The Red Cross Bulletin, Vol. 2 No. 39 - Vol. 3 No. 5, September 1918 - 3 March 1919.
- 48 Publications, The Red Cross Bulletin, Vol. 3 No 11-35, 10 March 1919 - 25 August 1919.
- 49 Publications, The Red Cross Bulletin of the American Red Cross in Italy, Vol. 1 No. 10, 5 November 1918.
- 50 Publications, Courier, Vol. XI No. 7-11.
- 51 Publications, The Red Cross Courier, Vol. XI No. 12 - Vol. XII NO. 6.
- 52 Publications, The Red Cross Courier, Vol. XXIII No. 1-6 (July/August 1943 - December 1943).
- 53 Publications, The Red Cross Courier, Vol. XXIII No. 7-11.
- 54 Publications, The Red Cross Courier, Vol. XXIV No. 4 - Vol. XXV No. 3, (October 1944 - September 1945).
- 55 Publications, The Red Cross Courier, Vol. XXVI No. 12 - Vol. No. 6 (June 1947 - December 1948).  
Note: Issues November 1948 and December 1948 each contain a local article.
- 56 Publications, The Red Cross Reporter Vol. 5 No. 3-4 (May/June 1947 - July/August 1947).
- 57 Publications, The Red Cross World, April-June 1947.

- 58 Publications, Report of the Regional Recreation Workshop Meetings, Hospital Service Pacific Area, March 1948.
- 59 Publications, Report of the Advisory Committee on Organization, 11 June 1946.
- 60 Publications, Salute to St. Louis Report on the War Years, A Postwar Readjustment Period... With a look into the future, 1947.
- 61 Publications, Seattle-King County Junior Red Cross Bulletin, 1946.
- 62 Publications, Seattle-King County Red Cross Flash, Vol. 1 No. 4 - Vol. 12 No. 2 (February 1947 - June 1949).
- 63 Publications, The Splint and Paddle News, Los Angeles Chapter, Vol. 1 No. 5 (10 October 1943).
- 64 Publications, The Story of the Red Cross, 1946.
- 65 Publications, The Story of a Red Cross Visiting Nurse on Her Round's of Visits.
- 66 Publications, Swiss Red Cross, May 1948.
- 67 Publications, The Volunteer, Vol. 1 No. 1 - Vol. 2 No. 1 (November 1947 - January/February 1949).
- 68 Publications, Welcome to Oakland.
- 69 Publications, World War II and the Red Cross, St. Paul Chapter, 1947.
- 70 Publications, You and the Red Cross (revised January 1962).
- 71 Publications, 'Your Red Cross Carries On: Annual Report,' 1 January 1946 - 31 December 1946, Spokane Chapter.

## **Record Series 9: Publicity**

**Box 3: Publicity, 1917-1994.**

**Folder:**

- 72 Publicity, News Releases, 13 June 1917 - 3 March 1919.
- 73 Publicity, News Releases, 28 January 1918 - 9 February 1919.
- 74 Publicity, News Releases, 1946-1947.

**Box 4: Publicity, 1917-1994.**

**Folder:**

- 1 Publicity, 1917-1918.
- 2 Publicity, 1918-1920 p. 1.

- 3      **Publicity, 1918-1920 p. 2.**
- 4      **Publicity, 1918-1920 p. 3.**
- 5      **Publicity, 1932.**
- 6      **Publicity, 1933.**
- 7      **Publicity, 1934.**
- 8      **Publicity, 4 January 1935 - 18 September 1935.**
- 9      **Publicity, 23 September 1935 - 27 December 1935.**
- 10     **Publicity, 2 January 1936 - 28 July 1936.**
- 11     **Publicity, 31 July 1936 - 1 February 1937.**
- 12     **Publicity, 1 February 1937 - 22 December 1937.**
- 13     **Publicity, 24 January 1938 - 6 December 1938.**
- 14     **Publicity, 13 January 1939 - 17 May 1939.**
- 15     **Publicity, 15 May 1939 - 27 December 1939.**
- 16     **Publicity, January-May 1940.**
- 17     **Publicity, Seattle-King County May-June 1940.**
- 18     **Publicity, July-December 1940.**
- 19     **Publicity, 1 January 1941 - 1 July 1941.**
- 20     **Publicity, 3 July 1941 - 26 December 1941.**
- 21     **Publicity, 8 September 1941 - 1 January 1941.**
- 22     **Publicity, January-March 1942, p.1.**
- 23     **Publicity, January-March 1942, p.2.**
- 24     **Publicity, April-June 1942, p.1.**
- 25     **Publicity, July 1942.**
- 26     **Publicity, 3 August 1942 - 30 September 1942.**
- 27     **Publicity, 1 October 1942 - 31 December 1942.**
- 28     **Publicity, 1943-1945.**
- 29     **Publicity, 1953.**

- 30      **Publicity, 1971-1974.**
- 31      **Publicity, *National Geographic*, Vol. 159 No. 6, June 1981, page 770.**  
          Note: The article title was 'American Red Cross: A Century Old.'
- 32      **Publicity, 1994.**

### **Record Series 10: Scrapbooks.**

**Box 4: Scrapbooks, 1939-1945.**

**Folder:**

- 33      **Scrapbooks, American Red Cross Gray Ladies, 1939-1941.**

**Box 5: Scrapbooks, 1939-1945.**

**Folder:**

- 1      **Scrapbooks, Prisoner of War, 1943-1945, p. 1.**
- 2      **Scrapbooks, Prisoner of War, 1943-1945, p. 2.**
- 3      **Scrapbooks, Prisoner of War, 1943-1945, p. 3.**

### **Record Series 11: Photographs.**

**Box 5: Photographs, 1940's-1990's.**

**Folder:**

- 4      **Photographs, 1940's undated, Stateside.**
- 5      **Photographs, 1942-1949, Stateside.**
- 6      **Photographs, 1940's-1970's, American Junior Red Cross.**
- 7      **Photographs, 1940's undated, World War II.**
- 8      **Photographs, 1940's undated, World War II.**
- 9      **Photographs, 1940's undated, World War II.**
- 10     **Photographs, 1940's undated, World War II, with negatives.**
- 11     **Photographs, 1943-1944, World War II.**
- 12     **Photographs, 1945, World War II, p. 1.**
- 13     **Photographs, 1945, World War II, p. 2.**
- 14     **Photographs, 1945, World War II, p. 3.**
- 15     **Photographs, 1945, World War II, p. 4.**
- 16     **Photographs, 1945, World War II, p. 5.**

- 17      **Photographs, 1945, World War II, p. 6.**
- 18      **Photographs, 1945, World War II, p. 7.**
- 19      **Photographs, 1946, World War II, p. 1.**
- 20      **Photographs, 1946, World War II, p. 2.**
- 21      **Photographs, 1947 World War II.**
- 22      **Photographs, 1948-1949, World War II.**
- 23      **Photographs, 1950's.**
- 24      **Photographs, 1960's.**
- 25      **Photographs, 1970's.**
- 26      **Photographs, 1980's.**
- 27      **Photographs, 1980's Convention Booths.**
- 28      **Photographs, 1983 Auction.**
- 29      **Photographs, 1990's.**
- 30      **Photographs, Color Slides with Index.**  
Note: Folders 30-32 are from Photo-Pak 2 from the national Red Cross. Also, the slides have not been transferred into archival sleeves.
- 31      **Photographs, Color Slides.**
- 32      **Photographs, Black and White Photographs.**
- 33      **Photographs, Color Slides.**
- 34      **Photographs, Color Slides.**
- 35      **Photographs, Photographs.**  
Note: These are photographs from Photo-Paks 1987-1989.
- 36      **Photographs, Disaster Preparedness.**  
Note: Scenes of the Red Cross responding to disasters.

## **Record Series 12: Miscellaneous Items.**

### **Box 5: Miscellaneous Items.**

#### **Folder:**

- 37      **Miscellaneous Items.**  
Special Items:  
Folder includes an award certificate and a fan with a Johnson & Johnson Red Cross symbol.
- 38      **Miscellaneous Items, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of Chapters Attendee Folder,      1919.**

- 39      **Miscellaneous Items, Prisoner of War and Foreign Inquiry Service      Notebook, p. 1, Index.**  
Note: This notebook was a guideline what could be done for the American prisoners of war in Germany and Japan.
- 40      **Miscellaneous Items, Prisoner of War and Foreign Inquiry Service      Notebook, p. 2.**
- 41      **Miscellaneous Items, Prisoner of War and Foreign Inquiry Service      Notebook, p. 3.**
- 42      **Miscellaneous Items, Prisoner of War and Foreign Inquiry Service      Notebook, p. 4.**